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KNULL

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THE LUMINA.
THE LIGHTFORCE DIMENSION.

YOU'VE SACRIFICED ***A LOT*** ON THE LONG ROAD HERE, ***KNULL.*** FIRST, YOUR ***FREEDOM.*** THEN YOUR ***POWER.***

HELL, EVEN THE ***IDEA*** OF ***WHO*** AND ***WHAT*** YOU ARE, 'CAUSE WHAT'S THE ***GOD OF DARKNESS*** IN A PLACE THAT'S GOT ***NO*** DARKNESS?

MAYBE, IN A WAY, YOU'RE EVEN SACRIFICING YOUR ***LIFE*** RIGHT NOW TOO.

BUT THAT'S JUST ***HOW*** IT GOES. TRUST ME. IT'S ONE THING TO ***REACH*** THE ***LUMINA DOORWAY--***

--BUT YOU GOTTA SUFFER A LITTLE ***EGO DEATH*** BEFORE THE LIGHT'LL ACTUALLY ***INVITE*** YOU THROUGH.

'COURSE, IT DOESN'T ***HURT...***

...IF YOU GOT A **FRIEND** WORKING THE DOOR.

I'M THAT FRIEND, KNULL. NAME'S EDDIE-- **EDDIE BROCK.**

OR AT LEAST IT **WAS.**

I MOSTLY GO BY **THE ILLUMINATED** THESE DAYS...

...AND I'M A BIG-TIME BELIEVER IN **SECOND CHANCES.**

"ONCE UPON A TIMELINE, I WAS A TWO-BIT **BEAT REPORTER** LOOKING FOR A BIG BREAK--

"--WHICH I FINALLY GOT BY MAKING A TWISTED DEAL WITH A **PUMPKIN-HEADED DEVIL.***

*SEE **VENOM: ORIGINAL SIN** INFINITY COMIC. --JDW.

"THAT FIERY FREAK DID **HIS** PART TO GET ME MY FIRST HUGE **FRONT-PAGE SCOOP--**

"--AND THE WOMAN OF MY **DREAMS.**

"ONLY COST ME MY **SOUL**...

"...AND THE **LIVES** OF TWO INNOCENT RENT-A-COPS.

"STILL, I BECAME THE **ONLY** EDDIE BROCK ABLE TO STAY **BONDED** TO THE LIGHT, MAKING IT ALL THE WAY TO THE **LUMINA DOORWAY.**

"'CEPT THAT **ORIGINAL SIN** CLUNG TO ME **TIGHTER** THAN ANY SYMBIOTE, SO THE DOORS TO REDEMPTION REMAINED **SHUT**...

"...UNTIL THE **EVENTUALITY--**A MULTIVERSAL MIX OF **EVERY OTHER** EDDIE BROCK **BESIDES** ME-- SENT ME BACK IN TIME TO **RECTIFY** MY SELFISH MISTAKES.

"THE GUARDS **LIVED,** THE BAD GUY **LOST** AND MY WORST ENEMY GOT **ALL** THE CREDIT..."

...WHILE I FORFEITED **EVERYTHING.** BUT I **DID** GET **THROUGH** THE DOORWAY.

AND WHEN I SAW **YOUR** QUEST TO BE **RID** OF THE DARK AND **EMBRACE** THE LIGHT, WELL... I **KNEW** I HAD TO LEND A **HAND.**

LONG STORY SHORT, YOU DON'T **GOTTA** BE THE VOID GOD, KNULL, OR **ANYTHING** ANYONE SAYS YOU ARE...

...EVEN THE **COSMOS** ITSELF.

OH, PLEASE...

...SHUT UP.

SHUK

HRGK!

KNULL

Behold **KNULL**...the King in Black, reduced to being **HELA's** plaything--or is he? Knull believes he has outsmarted his captor: escaping Hela's dungeon, defeating **THANOS** and usurping him as king of the **OUTRIDERS**, finding the Spear of Light and harnessing its power to become a void of light himself. But Hela claims he's playing into her hands and has been watching his every move, enlisting **TYR** to keep Knull within her clutches. Now a creature of light, Knull has found himself in the Lumina with the **ILLUMINATED**, an all-good **EDDIE BROCK**. Can Knull survive?

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I...
I CAN'T...

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE *THAT* @#%$&# *STUPID.*

CRNCH

NNNGGFF!

A WEAPON OF PURE LIGHT AGAINST A BEING OF PURE LIGHT? WHAT THE HELL'D YOU THINK WAS GONNA HAPPEN, HUH?

I REALLY PUT MYSELF OUT FOR YOU, YOU KNOW THAT? I THOUGHT THIS WAS A REDEMPTION THING--YOUR REDEMPTION THING.

I WAS GONNA TAKE YOU THROUGH THE DOORWAY--

--STRAIGHT INTO THE MYSTERY, YOU LITTLE @%&#.

BUT, NO... YOU JUST HAD TO GO AND &%#$ THAT RIGHT UP.

SO NOW I'M GONNA &@#$ YOU UP!

THE STINKIN' *GALL* OF YOU!

WHOOSH

GNH!

BRINGING DARKNESS...

KR-SCHH

...WHERE IT *DOESN'T* BELONG!

HEH. YOU...YOU SAY THERE'S NO *DARKNESS* HERE?

WELL, I SAY THERE *IS*, YOU PATHETIC HUMAN...

...INSIDE YOU!

G-GET...

...OFF ME!

OFF? OR OUT?

£@#$ YOU!

LOOK AT YOURSELF. EVEN NOW--AN ASCENDED BEING--YOU TURN TO VIOLENCE.

YOU COULD HAVE BANISHED ME. BUT NO...

...YOU WANTED TO HURT.

GRAHH!

KLANG

SO TELL ME, EDDIE BROCK...

...DOES IT HURT?!

SHNK

SHNK

AAAGHH!

KNULL... DO...DO YOU--?

DO I KNOW WHAT I'VE DONE? WHY, YES...I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'VE DONE.

I'VE REVEALED THE TRUE EDDIE BROCK, UNDER THE FACADE OF--

NO. DO YOU LIKE APPLES?

WHAT?

HOW D'YOU LIKE *THEM* APPLES?!

SHRAK!!

DO YOU **SEE** IT NOW, KNULL? DO YOU **FEEL** IT IN YOUR BROKEN BONES?

DARKNESS HAS GOT **NO POWER** HERE.

NNNGGG...

EVERYTHING THAT MAKES YOU **YOU** IS **USELESS** IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.

N-NOT...GNNGG... EVERYTHING.

THIS STILL BELONGS TO ME.

YAAAAAAGHH!

HRNN... HRNN...

YOU WERE RIGHT, EDDIE. DARKNESS WON'T HELP ME IN THIS FIGHT.

HRNN... HRNN...

FUMP

I'VE LOST SO MUCH, IT'S BECOME THE WEAPON OF MY ENEMY. OF HELA.

HRNN... HRNN...

SO I RENOUNCE IT, HERE AND NOW...

SHNT

HRNT!

...IN THE NAME OF PURE POWER.

SHORT-SIGHTED FOOL...

...I KNEW YOUR BARBARIC NATURE WOULD MISTAKE THIS COSMIC CONDUIT FOR YET ANOTHER MERE WEAPON..

Y-YOU... HRNN... YOU...

PLEASE... DON'T SPEAK--

--YOU'RE PITIFUL ENOUGH AS IT IS. AND DON'T FEEL TOO BAD.

I SPEAK FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WHEN I SAY THAT EVEN THE BRIGHTEST OF ANGELS CAN FALL.

I SHOULD LEAVE YOU HERE-- BROKEN--WITH MY THANKS FOR THE LESSON. AND THE LIGHT, OF COURSE. BUT I SENSE YOU'VE A BIT OF POWER REMAINING INSIDE YOU.

WASTE NOT, WANT NOT, AS THE SAYING GOES.

AND TO ANSWER YOUR EARLIER QUERY: BAKED.

I PREFER MY APPLES BAKED.

"AND SO, THE DEATH OF ONE STAR..."

...MARKS THE BIRTH OF ANOTHER.

I KNOW YOU ARE NO LONGER WITH ME, MY CHILDREN, BUT FEAR NOT--I WILL RETURN TO YOU. WE WILL BE REUNITED.

AND, LIKE ME, YOU SHALL BE TRANSFORMED.

LET HELA HAVE THE SHADOWS--I HAVE BECOME THE LIGHT. WITH ALL ITS POWER, ALL ITS MAJESTY...

...ALL ITS COMPLEXITY.

THE STARS BELONG TO ME NOW--THE COUNTLESS SUNS WITH THEIR INFINITE DAWNS AND TWILIGHTS.

LIGHT, IN ALL ITS FORMS, IS MINE TO CONTROL... FROM A SINGLE FLINT SPARK TO THE SUPERNOVA I CREATED TO HERALD MY REBIRTH.

FROM THE ARTIFICIAL GLOW OF FAR-DISTANT CITIES TO THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC CRACKLE AND PLAY OF...

SHIELDS HOLDING.

...RADIO WAVES?

TARGET ON MONITOR NOW.

WHAT'S THIS?

STANDING BY FOR ORDERS.

IT APPEARS HE'S HAD AN UPGRADE.

FINE...

...SO HAVE I.

FZZT

FZZT

TO BE CONCLUDED!

SPIDERS & SYMBIOTES

THE GRONE-ZONE

SYMBIOTES & CARNAGES & TORMENTS, OH MY!

This April, the final chapters of DEATH SPIRAL are upon us through the pages of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN and VENOM! If you thought Peter, MJ, and Eddie were in dire straights before—words cannot prepare you for what villains Torment and Carnage will unleash throughout the climactic issues to come. We've nearly reached the center of Torment's spiral of death and destruction. Not everyone is walking away from this one, and by the finale—ASM #27—Spider-Man, backed into the very last corner and out of options...does the unthinkable! To cap it all off—a very special (and terrifying) epilogue issue all about Torment's origins arrives at your local comic shop in May: ASM/VENOM: DEATH SPIRAL – BODY COUNT!

And don't miss the next great Spider-Epic spinning out of the pages of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. Miles, Gwen, and all your favorite Spider-Heroes enroll in SPIDER-VERSITY—where they will be tested and trained like never before by the GREEN GOBLIN himself!

It's thwip to be square!

Tommy G

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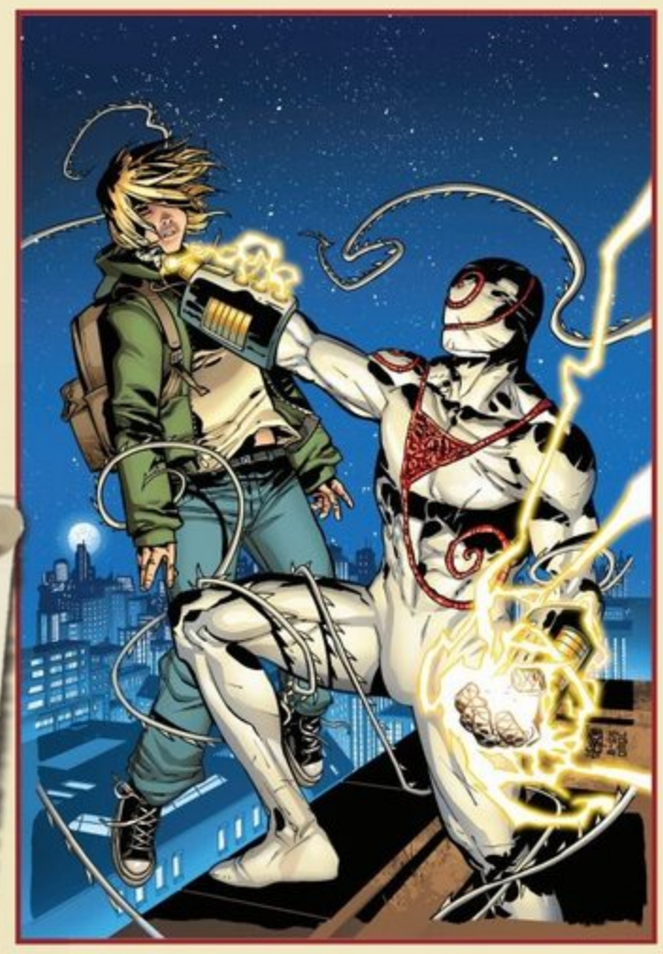

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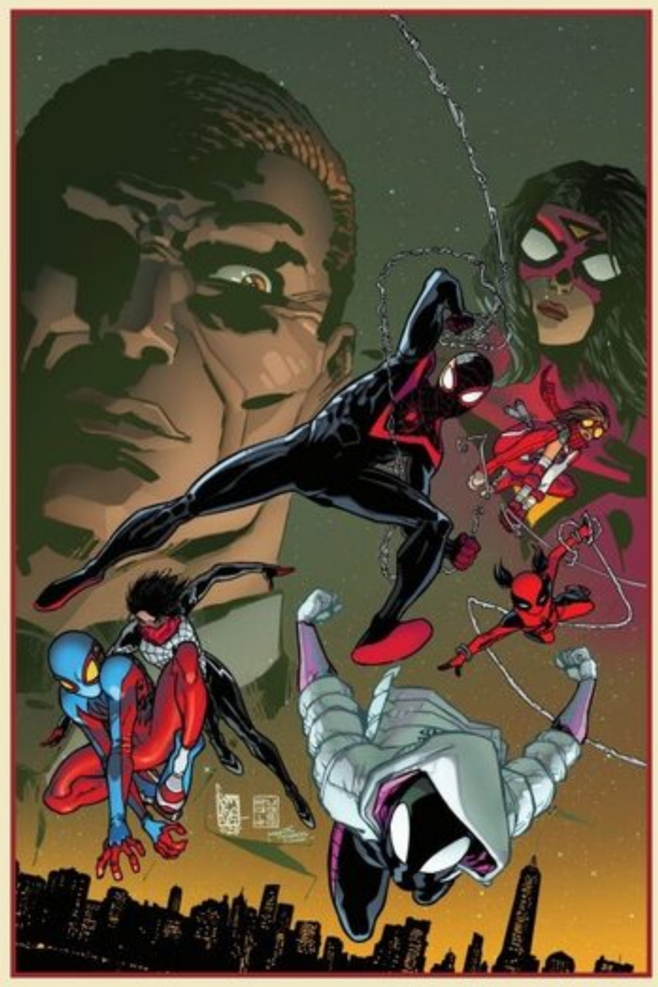

- ❑ HULK: SMASH EVERYTHING #5
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- ❑ PREDATOR: BLOODSHED #3

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WHO IS YOUR IRL SUPER HERO?

Méret Oppenheim. She was an artist who used surrealism to expose how the female body and domestic objects are fetishized, turning them into something unsettling and confrontational. Her work is completely fearless, despite how much it scared her audience.

WHICH SPIDER-MAN VILLAIN DO YOU MOST RESONATE WITH?

Mysterio. Always the storyteller, forever dramatic.

IF YOU COULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF ONE PIECE OF ADVICE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Stop saving those clothes for a braver version of yourself. Wear them now.

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PANEL OF THE MONTH:

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: SPIDER-VERSITY #1
page 6, panel 5
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EDGE OF THE VARIANT-VERSE

We in the Spider-Office are no strangers to variants—we've got a Spider-Verse full of 'em. It's hard to narrow it down, but check out our favorite variant covers of the month.

WEB OF VENOM #1
Variant Cover by PERE PÉREZ

GAMMA CORNER

THE HELLBUSTER ARMOR IS UNLEASHED

Take a trip to the Burning City, as Earth's heroes make a desperate assault on the Infernal Hulk's stronghold. But will Iron Man's new HELLBUSTER armor, crafted from angelic weaponry, be enough to turn the tide?!

INFERNAL HULK #6
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